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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-247502, which was published on September 12, 2000, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

Applicants note that this document is discussed on pages 1 and 2 of the specification.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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